

Specification Amendments

Please amend page 5, the first full paragraph to read as follows:

I have found that the paddle assembly can be constructed by providing a plurality of flexible plastic rods extending between the first paddle and the second paddle with the rods and the paddles having a length such that an outer surface of the first paddle and an outer surface of the second paddle are spaced apart a distance greater than the inner diameter of the drum. The paddle assembly may be inserted in the drum by applying force against the outer surfaces of the paddles causing the rods to bend. The invention further includes a second paddle assembly, the second paddle assembly having paddles having a width different than the first paddle assembly for providing a different drop elevation than that of the first paddle assembly. Accordingly, the marinating machine has both a first and a second paddle assembly.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 10 and extending to the top half of page 11 to read as follows:

Referring to Fig. 1A, the drum 24 of the prior art device applies a downward weight 100 to the wheels 20, 22 supporting the drum. The drum 24 therefore applies a vector of force, shown as vector 101, to the surface of one of the wheels 22. Referring now to Fig. 3A, the drum 83 of a machine 50 in accordance with the invention has a downward weight vector 102 that is substantially identical to the weight of vector 100 of

the machine 10. Since wheels 60, 62 of the machine 50 are spaced further apart from wheels 66, 68 than the wheels 20, 22 of the machine 10, the drum 83 applies a vector of force 103 against the surface of the wheels 60, 62, 22, 68 that is much greater than the vector of force 101 of the device of the prior art. By virtue of the stronger force applied against the drive wheels 60, 62 the drive wheels 60, 62 have greater friction against the outer surface of the drum 83. Accordingly the drum 83 can be rotated by providing power to only the drive shaft 56 and without providing power to the idler shaft 64. When the wheels 60, 62 on shaft 56 rotate in the counterclockwise direction as depicted in Fig. 3A, the drum 83 will rotate in the ~~counter-clockwise~~ direction, and the expensive-to-manufacture drive 18 which connects the driveshafts 14, 16 of the prior art machine 10 is not needed.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 11 and extending to the middle of page 12 to read as follows:

The paddles 105 further include a pair of elongate, somewhat flexible cylindrical nylon pins or rods 126, 128. The nylon rods 126, 128 have diameters which are a little smaller than the counter bores 122 of the paddles 106, 108. The paddle assembly 105 is formed by inserting one end of each of the nylon rods 126, 128 into one of the counter bores 122 of a first paddle 106 and the opposite end of the nylon rods 126, 128 into the counter bores 122 of the second paddle 108 as shown in Figs. 5 and 6. When assembled, the long outer side 110 of paddle 106 is spaced from the long outer side 110 of paddle 108 a distance 129 130 which is a little larger than the inner diameter of

the drum 83. Accordingly, to insert the paddle assembly 105 within the cylindrical inner interior of the drum 83, the nylon rods 126, 128 must be partially bent. Once the assembly 105 is inserted into the interior of the drum 83, the memory qualities of the nylon rods 126, 128 will urge the outer sides 110 of paddle 108 and outer side 110 of paddle 106 radially outwardly and cause friction between the outer sides 110 of the paddles and the inner surface of the drum 83. The friction between these surfaces will cause the paddle assembly 105 to rotate with the drum 83 as the drum is rotated on the wheels 60, 62, 66, 68 of the first and second shafts 56, 64.